

*Holy Communion is distributed as follows: to receive a wafer dipped in the wine, hold out two hands, or you can receive a wafer only, or a wafer and the Chalice, by holding out one hand. Hands by your side for a blessing. Please let a Sidesperson know if you need to have communion brought to you in the pew.*

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

**In Church Worship**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Second Sunday before Lent**

**9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion including Junior Church**

*Colossians 1.15-20 & John 1.1-14*

***Wednesday 10am Holy Communion at St Mary`s  
followed by Refreshments***

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Sunday before Lent**

**9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship**

*2 Corinthians 4.3-6 & Mark 9.2-9*



For info: There is a Loop System installed in both of our churches.

At St Mary`s we have an accessible toilet available in the Choir Vestry (the door opposite where you came in) with baby changing facilities.

At St Luke`s there is an accessible toilet available via the church porch.

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To help us to cut down on paper use and printing why not download Service Orders using the QR code or at [bit.ly/serviceorders](https://bit.ly/serviceorders)

This Weekly Sheet can be viewed online at [stmaryswistaston.blog](https://stmaryswistaston.blog)

**Online Worship**

The 10:40am service is streamed from St Mary`s each Sunday

[YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1](https://YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1) & Facebook: [bit.ly/facebookstmarys](https://bit.ly/facebookstmarys)

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874  
Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode: 567119

Morning Prayer on Zoom [bit.ly/930mp](https://bit.ly/930mp),

9:30am Tuesday & Thursday this week.

## First Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

### A reading from the Epistle to the Colossians

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and  
the earth and made us in your  
own image: teach us to discern your  
hand in all your works and your  
likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord, who with you and the Holy  
Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion**

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the  
heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart  
of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished  
at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of  
the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### **Glory to you O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you O Christ.**

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**This week Bishop Mark announced that the Reverend Jane Proudfoot has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Macclesfield (the Archdeaconry we are in).**

Jane is currently the Rector of Grappenhall, Priest in charge of Daresbury, and Rural Dean of Great Budworth. Since September, she has been serving as Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

**Her Licensing Service** is on Sunday 28 April, 3pm, Chester Cathedral - all are welcome, no need to book.

**Her Welcome Service** is on Sunday 12 May, 3pm, St Paul's Macclesfield - spaces can be booked for free at [bit.ly/archdeaconwelcome](https://bit.ly/archdeaconwelcome).

## News & Information



**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 14 February.** We have two Holy Communion services on Ash Wednesday, both at St Mary's, 10am & 7pm.

We are also planning to run **Lent Study Groups**, looking at *The Grace of God* and is an opportunity to join together and discuss. Just bring a Bible if you can, everything else is supplied. They are being held at the Rectory on Tuesday 20 Feb at 7:30pm and repeated at St Luke's on Friday 23 Feb at 10am, lasting 1.5 hours and running for 5 weeks.

**The Bible Study Group** will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 10.15am and **Prayer Group** will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7pm, beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 56 Bowness Road, thanks, Jenny Varty, 01270 567618.

**We have a Confirmation Service on Sunday 2 June at 10:40am** with Bishop Sam the Bishop of Stockport. If you are Baptised, of High School age (or will be this September) or above, and would be interested in being Confirmed this year, please have a chat with Revd Mike in the next few weeks.

**First Aiders:** Thanks to all those who have offered to be First Aiders. David will be in touch with those who best suit our needs at our churches.

**St Mary's after Church Refreshments Rota 2024 - could you please fill in the rota for 2024** in the Church Hall. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to do this.

**The St Mary's Cleaning Rota** needs some new volunteers and people to sign up. The Rota is in the porch of the church – please consider signing up to keep St Mary's looking fantastic. See a Warden for more details.

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